



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING October 8, 2013 Minutes

Members Present:

Howard Pizzo, Dennis Fedewa and Karen Mojica

Staff Members Present:

Richard Watkins, Jen Roberts and Mark Graham

Guests Present:

Matt Hannahs, Darrel Tennis and Blair Ballou

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:19 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

N/A

3. Set/Adjust Agenda:

Dennis Fedewa moved to approve the agenda as presented. Karen Mojica supported. All agreed. Motion carried.

4. Set/Adjust September 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes:

Dennis Fedewa moved to approve the minutes as presented. Karen Mojica supported. All agreed. Motion carried.

5. Complete Streets Ordinance:

Howard Pizzo and Mark Graham provided an overview of the Complete Streets Ordinance project status to the committee and guests, which included differences to Complete Street Ordinances that are currently enforced in surrounding areas.

Howard Pizzo asked if there were any comments from the invited guests, in which Blair Ballou responded that after he had reviewed the draft there was not a lot to object to. He also stated that there was a noted separation from the Township's authority and the Road Commission's authority and that it was more of a policy statement for the Township and would not bind the Road Commission to anything.

A conversation ensued which included the following items:

- The Townships future plans for completing sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, roads, and road crossings
- The need for cooperation between the Township and the Eaton County Road Commission in these endeavors

- Current township procedures
- The Complete Streets infrastructure
- Intent for the Complete Streets Ordinance
- Staff documentation of the process

Darrel Tennis shared his concerns/comments about the Complete Street Ordinance, which included:

- ✚ They lay open a number of opportunities for delays in a project, which can be expensive
- ✚ They build costs into projects (provided examples)
- ✚ They are very time consuming
- ✚ They are so broad - involves everything other than a motor vehicle/driver
- ✚ Ordinance interpretation by the public
- ✚ Ordinance flexibility

A discussion followed on this subject with regard to “feasibility” language being added to the Complete Streets Ordinance, and it was decided that Mark Graham would update the Complete Streets Ordinance language to meet the concerns of the group.

Mark Graham stated that after he has made and highlighted the changes he would present them to the Committee members at the Transportation Committee meeting in November for approval.

The Committee then agreed to present the final draft version to the Township Board at the November Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. New Business:

Mark Graham provided an overview for the Committee of a Traffic Summit that will be held at the Road Commission on November 7th, which he and Richard Watkins will be attending. Karen Mojica and Howard Pizzo both stated that they would try to attend.

Blair Ballou shared details on the PACER program, which included ratings of the Townships roads to the Committee.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.